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1. In early February 1958 I received the following information in a letter from Switzerland: Sputnik One was launched from Pamir. The first Soviet attempt to launch an earth satellite was made over one and one half years ago and five attempts were made before a successful launching was accomplished. According to comments by a Soviet scientist [identity not known] fuel metering and the types of liquid fuel used caused the difficulties. Sputnik One used solid propellants. The launching site at Pamir is very near the Soviet Solar Energy experimental station.

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